

## Grade 3 Social Studies Unit Plan

### Unit 4 Topic: Case Study - China

Big Ideas	Essential Questions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● National symbols (flag, national anthem)</li><li>● Food, clothing, and homes</li><li>● Location of Asia and China in relation to oceans, seas, continents, and the United States</li><li>● Distance in relation to parallels and meridians, using cardinal and intermediate directions</li><li>● Ecological regions (boreal, temperate, tropical, subtropical)</li><li>● Mountains and plateaus</li><li>● Rivers (Yellow and Yangtze)</li><li>● Geographic features</li><li>● Ancient history (Grand Canal, the Great Wall, Silk Road)</li><li>● Environmental challenges (urbanization, overpopulation, over-mining, air pollution)</li><li>● Culture and civilization</li><li>● Food, clothing, and homes</li><li>● Legacy of traditional culture</li><li>● Arts (jade ornaments, pottery, porcelain, paper cutting, calligraphy, folding screens, woodblock prints, landscape paintings)</li><li>● Communities from around the world interact with other people and communities and exchange cultural ideas and practices.</li><li>● Contributions from China<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ gunpowder, machines, metals, paper, porcelain, silk, woodblock printing</li><li>○ compass</li></ul></li><li>● Myths and legends</li><li>● Leaders past and present</li><li>● Religious beliefs (Buddhism, Neo-Confucianism, Taoism, customs, traditions, and practices)</li><li>● Key events and people in history</li><li>● Leaders past and present</li><li>● Confucius and Confucianism</li><li>● National and religious holidays, festivals (Lunar</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● How do culture, geography, and history shape a community?</li><li>● How are world communities the same? How are they different?</li><li>● Where is China? What is life like there?</li><li>● How have the people and geography of China shaped its past and present?</li><li>● How has the traditional culture of China shaped its past and present?</li><li>● What do Chinese folktales and history tell us about Chinese culture?</li><li>● How have key events and people shaped China's history?</li><li>● How did the trade that occurred along the Silk Road support cultural exchange and diffusion?</li><li>● How does China's economy meet the needs and desires of its people?</li><li>● How is China's government today similar to and different from its government in the past?</li><li>● What are human rights, and how do people in China fight for them?</li></ul>

<p>New Year)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Cultural exchange</li> <li>● Dynasties both supported and limited trade and cultural diffusion (Han, Yuan, Ming)</li> <li>● Role of supply and demand</li> <li>● Goods, services, and exports</li> <li>● Agricultural and industrial production</li> <li>● Control of trade via the Silk Roads</li> <li>● Control of sericulture</li> <li>● The various processes of meeting a cultures needs and desires form the basis for an economy</li> <li>● Surplus and scarcity of resources</li> <li>● Each community develops an economic system that addresses three questions: what will be produced, how will it be produced, and who will get what is produced?</li> <li>● Major international exporter and creditor</li> <li>● Important partnerships (United States, European Union, Japan, Brazil)</li> <li>● Type of government (Communist)</li> <li>● Capital (Beijing)</li> <li>● Geographic regions have unifying characteristics.</li> <li>● Culture, geography, and history shape communities.</li> <li>● Communities from around the world interact with other communities and exchange cultural ideas and practices.</li> <li>● Communities share cultural similarities and differences across the world</li> </ul>	
<b>Resources</b>	<b>Vocabulary</b>
<p><b>Books</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● D Is for Dancing Dragon: A China Alphabet by Carol Crane</li> <li>● My Investigating China Dictionary</li> <li>● The Great Wall of China by Leonard Everett Fisher</li> <li>● Flights Delayed as Air Pollution Hits Record in Shanghai text</li> </ul>	<p>ancient plateau basin inhabitant commercial hub human-made air quality smog</p>

- Chinese Foods and Recipes by Erin Maher
- Fun With Chinese Cooking by Frances Lee
- The Four Great Chinese Inventions
- Ancient China by Robert Snedden
- Look What Came from China by Miles Harvey
- Find Out About China by Qing Zheng
- What Did the Ancient Chinese Do for Me? by Patrick Catel
- Great Ancient China Projects by Lance Kramer and Steven Weinberg
- Find Out About China by Qing Zheng
- Yeh Shen: A Cinderella Story from China by Ed Young
- Lon Po Po: A Red-Riding Hood Story from China by Ed Young
- China (True Books) by Mel Friedman
- What Did the Ancient Chinese Do for Me? by Patrick Catel
- Confucius by Wendy Conklin
- World Faiths: Hinduism and Other Eastern Religions by Trevor Barnes
- Asian Holidays by Faith Winchester
- China (Many Cultures, One World) by Kay Melchisedech Olson
- China (True Books) by Mel Friedman
- China ABCs: A Book About the People and Places of China by Holly Schroeder
- C is for China by Sungwan So

### Websites

- NASA satellite image China around Shanghai:  
[http://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/IOTD/view.php?id=80152&eocn=image&eoci=related\\_image](http://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/IOTD/view.php?id=80152&eocn=image&eoci=related_image)
- Infographic: Things China Makes:  
<http://www.ibtimes.com/china-manufacturing-10-things-chinesemake-more-anyone-else-world-infographic-1369727>

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